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LEVYING OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether basic service operators are levying additional charges for interconnection between the Internet Service Providers and private data network;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether TRAI has issued directive recently to ISPs against levying such charges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith response of the ISPs in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) & (d): No directions have been issued by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) to the Internet Service Providers (ISPs) against levying such charges. However TRAIissued a directive under section 13 of the TRAI Act, 1997 to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and other Basic Service Operators (BSOs) not to levy any fee over and above leased line charges for interconnection between ISPs and Private Data Networks including Closed User Group (CUG) network.